

Minutes

Vestry Meeting | August 18, 2026 | Calvary Episcopal Church | Memphis, Tennessee

Vestry Members Present: Zoe Bondi, Joe Brandenburg, Jordan Edmundson, Barbara Etheridge, Heather Grosvenor, Leanne Kleinmann, Wes Nelson, Allison Parker, Matt Seltzer, Mary Jane Viar, Ginny Webb

Vestry Members Absent: Bill Bangham, Andy Estes, William Etnyre, Christina Ross, Reg Udouj

Clergy Present: Wesley Rowell, Scott Walters

Others Present: Erik Ball, Rob Courtney, Steve Smith, Kaitlin Wells, Clay Woemmel

Call to Order: Scott Walters called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Allison Parker opened with prayer.

Introduction of Kaitlin Wells: Kaitlin Wells, new Director of Children & Family Ministries, visited the vestry meeting to introduce herself and share a bit of her background in working with children.

Mutual Ministry Reflection Presentation: Rob Courtney, Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee, gave a presentation outlining the Mutual Ministry Review Process that the vestry and rector will engage in this fall. Vestry members will complete a written survey and facilitate focus groups to get feedback from the congregation. The information from the surveys and the focus groups will be summarized by Canon Rob and reported back to the vestry and clergy during a follow up meeting later in the fall.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 2026 Vestry meeting were reviewed. Matt Seltzer moved to accept the minutes as presented. Barbara Etheridge seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Reports: Erik Ball presented the financial reports. Pledges are a little behind budget for the month but above budget for year to date. The cash balance is healthy. The current balance of the construction loan for the capital campaign is \$774,000. Allison Parker moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Barbara Etheridge seconded the motion. The financial reports were approved unanimously.

Rector's Report: Scott Walters provided updates and reminders.

- The nominating committee for the next slate of vestry members will start meeting during the next month. Current vestry members are encouraged to begin thinking of people who would be a good fit for the vestry.
- We have identified five delegates and one alternate for the upcoming diocesan convention.
- Community groups are ongoing to gather feedback for the 87 Adams project, and Scott participated in a recent group. Artists who are finalists for project design will visit Memphis to make presentations.

- Jordan & Brian Edmundson will serve as chairs of the annual giving campaign this fall.
- A small group will meet this fall to consider future uses for the former Grizzlies Prep space. Grizzlies Prep is interested in retaining the larger building for future use. A new user will be identified for the smaller building.
- Please review the weekly reports from Ebet and connect with visitors as you are able.

Announcements

- The Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee will be held November 20-21 at St. Luke's in Jackson, TN.
- The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge will be in concert at Calvary on September 15.
- The next Vestry meeting will be held on September 22.
- The next Newcomer Party will be held on September 26.
- Gardening/exterior beautification projects will continue in the fall using the funds collected on Father's Day.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clay Woemmel, Clerk